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CHAPTER 1

The prophets Isaiah and Malachi speak about God’s messenger

This is the beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God’s Son.

Long ago, the prophets of God wrote about it in the holy writings: God said, “See, I send someone ahead of you to tell about you. He will make the way ready for you. He calls out in the desert, “Make the way ready for the Lord! Make the pathway straight for him!”

John the Baptist is God’s messenger

John came to baptize people in the desert. He told them to stop doing wrong things and be baptized. He did this so that the people could turn back to God. Then God would forgive them for the wrong things that they did.

All the people from the land of Judea and from the city of Jerusalem went out to him. John baptized them in the Jordan River when they said that they were sorry for the wrong things that they did.

John wore clothes made of camel’s hair. He had a leather belt round his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He told the people, ‘Another person is coming soon. He is greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals.’

Yes, I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus comes to John so that John can baptize him

Soon after this Jesus came from the town of Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized him in the River Jordan.

As soon as he came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. 13Jesus was in the desert for forty days. But angels came and took care of him.

Jesus calls four fishermen to be his followers (disciples)

Jesus was straight for him. He called out loud and then it came out of the man. The bad spirit threw the man around. It was mean. It was making the man crazy. It could not get out.

Jesus heals a man with a bad spirit

A man who had a bad spirit in him was in the meeting house at that time. He called out, “Jesus of Nazareth, what do you want to do to me?” Jesus said to him, “Come out of that man who you are. You are the Holy One of God.”

Jesus said to the spirit, “Be quiet! Come out of him.”

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Very quickly, Jesus becomes well known

The people were all surprised. They said to each other, ‘What is this? Is this not a new teaching? He tells the bad spirits what to do and even they obey him.’

The people who lived around Galilee soon heard about Jesus. Jesus heal the mother of Simon Peter’s wife.

As soon as they came out of the meeting house, they went to the home of Simon and Peter. Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, son of John, come to me out of the house.” The mother of Simon’s wife was sick and was lying down. She had a fever. They quickly told Jesus about her.

Jesus went to her. He took her hand and helped her to stand up. The fever left her immediately, and she began to do things to help them.

Jesus heals many people

That evening at sunset, people brought all the sick people to Jesus. They also brought people who had bad spirits to meet him. All the people in the city crowded around the door. He healed many sick people. He made the bad spirits leave people. And he did not let the bad spirits speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus goes out to talk with God

The next morning Jesus got up very early before everyone else. He went out to a place to be by himself. There he talked with God.

Jesus teaches and heals throughout Galilee

Simon and his friends went out after Jesus. When they found him they said, “Everyone is looking for you.”

Jesus said, “We must go to the next towns. I must tell the good news to the people there too. That is why I came here.”

Then Jesus talked to the people in all the meeting places in all of Galilee. He also made the bad spirits come out of people.

Jesus heals a man with a bad skin disease

A man who was sick with leprosy came to Jesus. He knelt down and begged Jesus, saying, ‘I know that you can heal me if you want to.’

Jesus felt pity for him. He put out his hand and touched him. He said, “I want to. Be healed.” As soon as he said this, the disease left the man and he was healed.

Jesus teaches with great power and authority

They went to the town of Capernaum. As soon as it was the Sabbath day, Jesus went into the Jewish meeting house and taught the people. They were very surprised at his teaching because he taught them with great power. He did not teach them like the Jewish teachers of God’s Law taught.

More and more people hear about Jesus

Jesus talked to the man to warn him. Then he opened his mouth and said to the people, “Do not tell anyone about this. But go and let the priest look at you. Moses gave a law about the gift that you must give to God when you are healed. Give it to prove to people that you are healed.”

But the man went out and told everyone everywhere what had happened to him. Because he did this, Jesus could not go into any large town freely. He stayed in places where only a few people were. There people came to him from everywhere.

CHAPTER 2

Jesus heals a man who could not walk

After a few days, Jesus came back to Capernaum. People soon heard that he was at home. Immediately, many came to see him. The house was full. There was no more room, not even outside near the door. Jesus was telling them God’s message.

Four men brought a sick man to Jesus. The man could not move his arms or legs. But they could not get in the house where Jesus was, because there were so many people. So they went up on the roof. They made a hole in the roof. Then they let down the mat with the sick man on it.

Jesus saw that they believed that he would be healed. So he said to the sick man, “Son, the wrong things you have done are forgiven.”

Some of the scribes were sitting there. They were thinking, ‘Why does this man say such wrong things against God?’ He is not giving God respect! Who can forgive the wrong things that people do? No one but God!’

Jesus understood in his spirit what the scribes were thinking. He said right away, “Why do you think these wrong things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the sick man, ‘The wrong things you have done are forgiven’, or to say, ‘Get up. Take up your mat and walk’?”

I want you to know that the Son of Man (Jesus) has power on earth to forgive the wrong things people do. So he said to the sick man, “I tell you, get up! Take up your mat and go home.”

The religious leaders start to question Jesus about eating with sinners

Jesus was eating in Levi’s house. Many tax collectors and bad people also came. They went down to eat with Jesus and his disciples. There were many who went with him. The scribes and Pharisees saw that Jesus ate with these people. They said to the disciples, Why does he eat and drink with bad people?

Jesus heard it. He said to them, “People who are well do not need a doctor. But sick people need him. I did not come to call good people. I came to call bad people to stop doing wrong things.”

— about needing to fast (that is, not eating food for a time)

John’s disciples and the Pharisees’ disciples were fasting. Some people came to Jesus and said, “The disciples of John fast. And also the Pharisees. Why do your disciples not do the same?”

Jesus answered them, “The people at a wedding cannot be sad while the man who is getting married is with them. But the time will come when he will have to leave them. Then they will be very sad. But no one puts a new piece of new cloth on an old coat. If they do, the new cloth will tear the old coat. Then the hole is bigger than it was before. No one puts new wine into old wine skins. If they do, the new wine will break the skins. Then the wine will lose the wine and spoil the skins. You must put new into new skins.”

— about working on the Sabbath day

Jesus was walking through the fields of grain on the Sabbath day. His disciples began to pick some of the grain to eat as they went along. The Pharisees saw to Jesus, “Why do your disciples do what is not right on the Sabbath day?”

Jesus answered them, “Have you not read what King David did? He and his men were with him were hungry. He went into God’s house where Abiathar was the high priest. Some bread was there for God. It was not right for them to eat it. Only the priests were to eat that. But David took the bread and ate it. He also gave some of it to the people who were with him.’

Then Jesus said, “The Sabbath was made for man. It was not made for the Sabbath.”

So the Son of Man rules over the Sabbath day.

CHAPTER 3

— about healing on the Sabbath day

Jesus went into the meeting house again. A man was there and his right hand was thin away the man stood up in front of them. He took his up and went home. They were all very surprised, and they praised God. They said, ‘We have never seen anything like this before.’

Jesus asks Levi (Matthew) to be one of his disciples

He went out again by the seaside. Many people came to him. So he taught them.

As he went along, he saw Levi, the son of Alpheus. He was sitting at the place where people come to pay taxes. Jesus said to him, ‘Come and follow me.’ Levi said, “I am going to get my things and come.”

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Jesus tells bad spirits what to do and where to go

Jesus came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. There were graves in that place. As soon as Jesus came out of the boat, a man came from among the tombs. That man had bad spirits in him. The man lived among the graves. No person could tie him, not even with chains. Many people had tied him with strong ropes and chains. But he broke the chains and tore the ropes.
Jesus brings a dead girl back to life

While Jesus was still talking, some people came from the home town of the girl who was lying. They said, ‘Your daughter has died. Why trouble the Teacher any more?’

But Jesus heard this. He said to the rule, ‘Do not fear. Only believe.’

He looked around to see who had done it. Then he said to the girl’s father, ‘Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she will be healed.’

The girl was lying. He took her hand and said, ‘Rise, daughter.’ Immediately she sat up. Then he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.’

Jesus sends out the twelve disciples

Jesus called the twelve disciples to him and gave them power to drive bad spirits out of people. He called the twelve disciples to him and said, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem. There the Son of Man will be handed over to men.’

They will mock him, insult him, and spit on him. They will flog him and kill him, but three days later he will rise again.’

Then Jesus sent the twelve disciples ahead of him. He said to them, ‘As you go, this is what you are to do. wherever you enter a house, say, “Peace be with this house.”

And if a person in the house welcomes you, eat what is set before you, and bless the house. If it does not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.’

Jesus and his disciples try to escape from the crowds

Jesus said to them, ‘Come away with me and go on to a quiet place to rest and to care for your souls. For you are like sheep without a shepherd.’

They went, and a large crowd followed him, from Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. The people came from all around and followed him. They brought to him the sick and the crippled, those with skin diseases, and those who were possessed by demons, and those who were sick with all kinds of diseases. They came and placed them at Jesus’ feet, and he healed them.

Jesus feeds five thousand people

When it was late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a lonely place, and the time is late. Send these people away, so they can go to the surrounding villages and buy something to eat.’

But Jesus said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’

They said, ‘We have only five loaves and two fish.’

Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and distributed them to the people. He gave them as much as they wanted. Then he had the two fish divided among them.

They ate and were satisfied. They picked up the broken pieces and filled twelve baskets. So they who were with Jesus knew that he had performed a great sign and that he had shown his authority over life and death.

Jesus walks across the Sea of Galilee

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They also keep many other laws such as washing cups, pots, brass pans and tables.

Then the Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, ‘Why do your disciples not keep the Law of our fathers? Why do they eat with hands that are not washed?’

Jesus said to them, ‘Israel spoke the truth when you are washed, you are clean.’

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Jesus to drive the bad spirit out of her daughter.

But Jesus said to her, ‘We will give the children what they want to eat first. It isn’t right to take the children’s food and give it to the dogs.’

She answered, ‘Yes, Sir. But even the little dogs under the table eat the food that the children leave.’

Jesus answered, ‘The children are fed first. But when the children have had enough, they can have the rest. So let the little children come to me. I will give them something to eat.’

Jesus sent the man back to his home. ‘Do not go into the town and do not tell this to anyone,’ he said.

Peter believes that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)

Jesus went with his disciples to the towns around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’

They answered, ‘Some say you are John the Baptist. Some say you are Elijah. And some say that you are one of the other prophets from long ago.’

Then he asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Do not tell anyone about me.

Jesus tells the disciples that he will die and then come back to life again

Then he began to teach them. He told them that the Son of Man will have much trouble. The leaders, the chief priests, and the scribes will not believe him. He will be killed. After three days he will come back to life again.

Jesus spoke very plainly about it so that everyone could understand.

Peter does not believe what will happen to Jesus

Peter took him aside and told him not to say such things. ‘Jesus turned round and saw the disciples. He said to Peter, “Get away from me, Satan! You are not thinking the way that God thinks, but the way that people think.”’

The Good News is for You!

GOD LOVES YOU even though you do wrong things and think wrong things. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to show you the right way to God. God let him die on a cross to show his love. Jesus died for people like you.

After three days God gave him a new life. If you believe in Jesus and follow his teachings, he will forgive you and give you a new life. He will free you from your bad ways. Then you will be put right with God.

God has freely done all this for you even when you think there is no hope. ‘God loved the world so very, very much that he gave his only Son. Because he did that, everyone who believes in him will not lose his life, but will live for ever’ (John 3:16).

Prayer of Faith and Commitment

Now spend a few minutes without talking. Think about the death of Jesus and the pain he suffered on the cross for each one of us. Do not be afraid to cry. Tell God you are sorry for the wrong things you have done.

Your sins made it necessary for Jesus to die. Thank God for what Jesus has done for you through his death. Thank God that Jesus had victory over death. Thank God that he is alive and has sent his Spirit to help you live your life in a new way.

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Jesus tells everyone about the new life that they can have

Then Jesus called the people to him. The disciples came with him. He said, ‘If anyone wants to come with me they must forget about what they want to do. They must be ready to carry their own cross and come with me. Anyone who tries to keep their life will lose it. And anyone who gives up his life for my sake and for the sake of the good news will find it.

What will God do if a person they gain the world whole but lose their soul? ’

What can a person give in order to get back their soul? Many people at this time have gone away from God and are doing wrong things. If they are ashamed of me and the things that I say, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of them when he comes again.

The Son of Man will come with his holy angels and be great like his Father.

The remaining eight chapters of Mark’s Gospel tell more of the teachings and miracles of Jesus. They also tell us about the last week before Jesus was nailed to a cross to die (his crucifixion). It ends when Jesus comes to life again (his resurrection) and goes back to heaven to be with his Father, God (his ascension). The good news is that God loves us and he sent his son, Jesus, to die for us in this way. Jesus was the final sacrifice that God required for our sins. This means that all people everywhere who worship God and believe Jesus is his Son will have everlasting life with him.

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